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Needy children get gifts

One hundred children in the greater Romulus-Huron Township area will find extra gifts under their Christmas tree this week thanks to a group of Santas, who are mostly clean shaven and wearing law enforcement uniforms rather than the traditional red suits.

Wayne County Sheriff's Officer David Green and 34th District Court Officer Greg Milatz helped conduct a drive that collected scores of dolls, Teddy bears, games and sports equipment for children, whose parents live in the court district, but are a little short of holiday funds this year.

The unwrapped gifts were donated by court employees, visiting attorneys, police officers and private citizens in the past few weeks.

The gifts were displayed in the windows of the court offices this month and that vision created further donations from those visiting the Romulus based court, Milatz said.

The concept was started a year ago by Green in the Huron Township area and received recognition from Green's wife, Tina, who currently serves as the chief judge of the 34th District Court.

Court employees praised the efforts of Milatz, who they said helped enlarge the gift donations within the court house itself.

Even Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano visited the courthouse on Monday to give the effort court wide media coverage.

Milatz said that at least 100 children from 30 families would benefit from the collection. The 34th District Court covers the cities of Romulus and Belleville and the towns-

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hips of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Among the many gifts donated were a cuddly "Wish-bone" stuff dog, Junior Pictionary, Playschool games, various Barbie dolls, Power Ranger sets, a Raggedy Ann doll, basketball, truck sets, a Babe video movie, parking garage and vehicles set and many other items.

Milatz revealed the children's names were supplied by local school districts and police departments.

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Thanks Santa

Two Hale Creek Elementary School students, Elijah Lee and his sister, Elexus Lee, take time to say thank you to Santa Claus during his recent visit to the Romulus School. MCN Special Photo

'Drunk' goggles purchased

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus area youth and adults will be given a visual look - a blurry one at best - in coming weeks as to what the world looks like when you are legally drunk.

The city's police department has purchased a pair of "Fatal Vision Goggles" to accurately display for all who don the safe driving eye-wear, what a driver would see if he/she was behind the wheel of a vehicle before being found at a blood alcohol level of .15 or higher on an alcohol consumption test.

This writer donned the goggles and can testify the special glasses do give you an unnatural feeling, even while sober.

Police Lt. Eric Painter dropped the device off at Mayor William Oakley's office in City Hall just prior to the Christmas holiday, so that citizens and city workers could see for themselves the dangers of drunk driving.

The goggles are the first



step being taken prior to the upcoming 1998 Safe and Sober Program being sponsored by the state's highway safety effort.

Painter said Romulus teens slated to attend the Romulus High School lock-in program on New Year's Eve will also get a chance to wear the special goggles to highlight the strange change in vision that liquor creates.

Starting this past Monday and continuing through Jan. 10

drivers stopped while riding through the Romulus area are apt to find stiff fines and other penalties in area courts upon their conviction of alcohol related infractions.

Painter said police will also step up their hunt for such traffic violators.

While alcohol related traffic deaths have declined 45 percent in the past 10 years, Painter said, the number of alcohol traffic arrests reached 60,000 in the past year alone.

"That shows it is still a major problem," Painter said.

The double whammy of impaired driving, Painter said, is that it gives the driver an illusion of being more powerful, while blocking many of the body's defense mechanisms.

The goggles will be used continuously at various safe driving and crime prevention programs throughout the year, Painter said.

For more information call the Romulus Police Department at 941-8400, Painter said.

School trustees cited

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus' seven school board trustees will be honored in January by the community as part of "School Board Recognition Month."

The trustees include President Julie Oleszkowicz, Vice President Howard Kesner, Secretary Betty Lenossi, Treasurer Michael Woods and Trustees Ken Berlinn, Judith Gondek and Eva Webb.

Superintendent Dr. William Bedell stated although the above trustees receive few perks and little fanfare they

have shown themselves to be "dedicated public servants who determine the district's curriculum, balance the school's budget and plan its very future. They carry out the truest form of representative government. We salute each one of them."

Observers said it appears the seven answered a want ad that stated "Needed. Dedicated citizens who love children. Willing to spend many evening hours making tough decisions on complex social and educational issues. Actions will impact students, parents, teachers and the

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- Dr. William Bedell

community for a long time. As citizens they receive little pay or recognition, but still must be elected by a majority."

County vehicle buying opposed

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The possibility that the Wayne County Commission could have approved a plan to purchase new cars for commissioners' use irks Commissioner Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and thus he realizes the fact that the issue was pulled off last week's commission agenda means solely that the needed votes for passage just were not there.

It was rumored that shortly before the meeting last Thursday that several former supporters of the car purchase (or those who were formerly neutral) revealed they now were opposed to the plan.

But politics being politics, Patterson said, a slim majority favoring the purchase of such cars could come about in the near future. If that occurs, Patterson said, "I will ask Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara to veto such a purchase. And you know that is not a normal procedure for me."

The Canton Republican said even though he has one of the commission's largest geographic districts (the 11th), he is opposed to such a county expenditure.

On other issues, Patterson said, he has now decided to make an announcement on his political future in mid-January.

Patterson is being urged to seek the seat of 21st State District Representative Deborah Whyman (also of Canton) next

year, since term limits block her from seeking a new term at this time.

However a court decision is still pending on whether Michigan term limits should remain legal or not. That decision could be announced anytime in the next few weeks/months.

Patterson also said he is anxious to hear about any future Romulus/Wayne County meeting on airport noise issues involving new county czarina Colleen Pobur.

Pobur met recently with Patterson at a Huron Township citizen meeting and reportedly he countered Pobur's claim that Detroit Metro Airport was doing all it could to eliminate noise problems for local homeowners and businesses.

Several times during that open session, Patterson said, citizens cried out they wanted to talk with McNamara directly on airport related issues.

Thus Huron Township citizens, join those in Romulus and Canton, asking that if McNamara is seriously going to run for re-election next November they want to speak to him directly right now.

In recent years, Romulus officials complain they usually get to talk only directly to McNamara's deputy, Michael Duggan, or various department heads.

"It is time for us to talk to the top man - McNamara - long before next year's election," various western Wayne County officials state.

Students, senior citizens uniting

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Middle School students and local senior citizens found they had a lot to be thankful for this past year.

As a prelude to the busy Christmas holidays, 40 of what were called "the brightest and the best" Middle School students, aided by several veteran cooks, prepared and served a full course dinner for 50 senior citizens.

Betty Santos, the leadership teacher at the Middle School, declared last week "our students enjoy working with the seniors and this dinner was just one of our projects."

Romulus Senior Citizen

Center Director Linda Norman helped with the organization of the program, because she feels "today youth need senior citizen involvement in their lives."

Norman added "only 30 percent of our young people today have any senior citizen involvement in their lives. Research has shown that youths with senior citizen influences make better decisions, are more stable and are far less likely to get involved with drugs or alcohol."

Middle School Principal Ed Clark also was enthusiastic about the combined effort saying that the "interaction of these two ages groups helps everyone."



Romulus Senior Citizen Center Director Linda Norman, left, and Romulus Middle School Leadership Advisor Betty Santos watch the interaction at the recent dinner/choral session involving local students and senior citizens. MCN Special Photo

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Police Beat

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Reporter

Canton police officers responded to the Total Gas Station at 45350 Ford Road at 10:44 p.m. Dec. 15 due to a reported armed robbery. The employee told officers that two black males entered the store wearing white hockey masks. One male pointed a shotgun in his face ordering him to open the cash register. Once the drawer was opened, the employee was pushed into the bathroom.

The employee suffered a large scrape/welt on his face from the shotgun. Canton officers and the K-9 unit were used, without finding the suspects.

A report was given to area police agencies to be on the look out for the suspects. At about 1 a.m., Livonia Police stopped the suspects near a gas station at I-275 and 6 Mile.

All three males were taken into custody. The shotgun, masks and money were recovered. Canton detectives interviewed the suspects, and based on the investigation, warrants were sought.

On Dec. 18, suspect 1, age 21, was arraigned at the 35th District Court for armed robbery. On Dec. 19, suspects 2 and 3 were arraigned at the court. Suspect 2, age 21, being charged with armed robbery and driving the getaway car. Suspect 3, age 25 was charged with armed robbery, felony firearm and habitual offender.

High bonds have been set on all suspects. The three will be held at the Wayne County Jail until bonds have been posted.

In addition, Livonia Police

did charge suspects 2 and 3 with unrelated crimes in their city.

Romulus has a Scrooge on the loose!

On Dec. 17, 3 larcenies were reported. One being from the 9800 block of Harrison in which a Pioneer AM/FM Cassette player was stolen from a semi-tractor. A lock on the passenger vent window was broken.

The second, from the 6100 block of Tyndall in which a 3-foot plastic candle decoration and plastic Santa Claus, both illuminated were stolen. The 3rd, from the 6100 block of Hyde Park from where a vehicle, being partially parked in the garage, Christmas gifts were stolen.

Wayne Police responded to a call from the 34000 block of Glenwood due to destruction of property.

A call was received on Dec. 14 of a B&E in progress from the 3400 block of Elizabeth. The accusations proved to be unfounded.

Juvenile trouble was reported at the Conrail Railroad crossing on Venoy Rd.

Wayne police officers responded to a call from the 38000 block of W. Michigan Ave. A complaint was made and an incident report taken of an assault.

A blue 1992 Ford Ranger was reported to the Wayne Police as being stolen from the 4800 block of E. Westwick at the Westwick Square Townhouses.

A non-injury accident was reported from a private parking lot on Michigan Ave.

Romulus Police responded to a call from the 15000 block of Brookway on Dec. 15. The victim stated that she parked her vehicle in front of her apartment and walked towards her door with keys in hand.

Approached from behind by a suspect who stated "Gimme your keys and don't turn around." The suspect was described only as a possible young black male. The vehicle is a 1997 red Thunderbird, license plate 5AAS73.

A 1987 Nabors 48' aluminum trailer which was left for repair in the 27000 block of Ecorse was reported missing on Dec. 15. The last date reported seen was on Dec. 13.

A call came in to Wayne Police in the late evening hours of Dec. 14 from the 32000 block of E. Michigan Ave. on allegations of a larceny in progress.

A disorderly person was reported from the 32000 block of E. Michigan Ave. on Dec. 15. The suspect was gone upon arrival.

A larceny report was taken by officers from Wayne Memorial High School on Dec. 15.

Van Buren Police Officials reported the following incidents this past week...

A B&E was reported from the 48000 block of Bayshore Drive.

Police responded to a call from the 2000 block of Rawsonville on charges of retail fraud. Upon arrival, the officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Damaged property was reported from the 10000 block of Endicott.

A call came in from the 41000 block of Hamilton with accusations of domestic assault and battery. Officers responded and an arrest was made.

Camping World reported two juveniles at their location in the morning hours of Dec. 16. Officers responded and transported the juveniles to school.

Officers responded to the Tin Lizzie who reported having a problem with an employee. Problem solved, employee terminated.

Charges of retail fraud were called into Van Buren Police from the 9700 block of Rawsonville. A juvenile was turned over to parents.

A vehicle was stolen from Hull Rd. on Dec. 17. The vehicle

was recovered at the Clark Gas Station later that day.

A call came in of a truck leaking fuel on W.B. I-94. Officers transferred the call to Ypsilanti fire officials.

A vehicle parked at the Moose Lodge was broken into on Dec. 17. No report was given as to what was missing or how much damage was done to the vehicle.

Officers were called to a domestic dispute at the Village Green Apartments. A report was taken in which the dispute was due to family trouble.

At approx. 11 p.m., an accident was reported at Sumpter and Hull Roads. Officers responded to the call to find out the accident was alcohol related. An arrest was made. No reports were made of injuries.

On Dec. 18, an injury accident was responded to at Beckley and the S. Service Drive. Later that day, a 2nd accident was reported at Bell Rd. and the S. Service Dr.

A call came in from the 8700 block of Belleville Rd. in which a personal protection

order had been violated. A report was made at the time.

Officers responded to a call from Leggs on Michigan Ave. in which a client from a group home had walked away. The client was located and returned to safety.

Police went to investigate a call from the area of Michigan and Denton in which they were told there was a drunk driver. They were unable to locate the suspect when they arrived.

A domestic assault call came in from Martinsville Rd. Due to obvious accusations, an arrest was made.

A traffic stop at Belleville and Quirk Rds. lead to an arrest for a misdemeanor offense.

Another traffic stop at Bemis and Sumpter Rds. again lead to a misdemeanor arrest in which the suspect was transferred over to the Belleville Police Department for a warrant they held.

Wendy's called Van Buren Police to report a panhandler at their location. The suspect was gone upon arrival.



Gloria and Donald Steele.

Married 50 years

Donald and Gloria Steele celebrated 50 years of marriage this summer.

They were married on Aug. 29, 1947. They met at Olivet College, Olivet, Mich.

The Steeles have three children and three grandchildren: Gregg and Suzanne Steele and granddaughter, Sarah; Barry and Susan Steele, and granddaughter Lauren and grandson Jason, and Lynne and Blair Merrifield.

They dined at two restaurants for their anniversary celebration with their children and their families, and in October their daughter and son-in-law took them to Mackinac Island, where they had spent part of their honeymoon. In addition, friends gave them a surprise dinner party a week before their anniversary.

Gloria Steele is a long-time Inkster resident. Most of the Steeles married years have been spent in Inkster.



Beth-Ann and John Dryden

Couple wed

Beth-Ann Bartels, daughter of Mrs. William Bartels and the late Mr. Bartels, and John Dryden, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Dryden of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., were married in a wedding chapel in Plymouth.

Their reception was staged at the Marriott of Livonia, and was attended by many friends and relatives.

Maid of honor was Amy Dryden, sister of the groom, and best man was John Bartels, brother of the bride.

The couple now reside in Virginia Beach, Va. Both are employed by Tennessee Control Systems.

Air Force news

Air Force Airman Brian D. Vogan has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan.

Vogan is an electrical power production apprentice assigned to the 374th Communications Squadron.

He is the son of April M. and stepson of William J. Czerniaski of Canton.

The airman is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Plymouth.

Tyra L. Henderson, daughter of Montie Henderson of Wayne, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program Nov. 13.

Henderson, a 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on Feb. 25.

Air Force Airman Sasha L. McGrath has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

McGrath is the niece of Paulette McGrath of Versailles, Romulus.

She is a 1997 graduate of Woodhaven High School, Flatrock.

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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION

Items for the Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar, Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI, 48184. Each brief calendar event should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 ext. 43.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES and puppy headstart programs are being offered in the new year by the Wolverine Dog Training Club of Livonia. The Beginners Obedience Class will begin on Jan. 6 and the Puppy Headstart classes on Jan. 7. Classes are slated for Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For more information call 248-476-8650.

BALLROOM DANCING New series of instruction will begin from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays (beginning Jan. 18) at the Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims. Instruction is offered by Terry Bee. Pre-registration is required. Call 721-7460.

CHILDREN'S GRIEF SERIES A six week series that helps both children and adults put the pieces of life back together after the loss of a parent or other loved one will begin Jan. 13 at 32932 Warren Road in Westland and 127 S. Main St., Plymouth. The series, costing \$20 per family, is conducted by the Community Hospice and Home Care Services. Further information can be obtained by calling 522-4244.

THIRD ANNUAL KING MARCH A flashlight procession in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Civic Center Library at 33000 Civic Center in Livonia. A program will follow at 7 p.m. featuring Gary Gibbs, director of a homeless shelter in Harlem, and various chorale groups. The program is free. Participants should bring a flashlight. Further information can be obtained by calling 313-467-7904.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Conscious control group meets from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Sunday (even holidays) at the Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster road, Garden City, four blocks north of Ford road. The program is open to both men and women. For more information, call Woody at 313-729-0520.

SNOW SLEDDING Wayne County Recreation officials reveal sledding conditions are excellent at the Cass-Benton Hill in Hines Park. Two new ramps with handrails have been installed to aid local skiers relearn the hills after



Break time!

Ray Lanpron (left) and Bud Schwartz take a break from their duties at the Canton Senior Center. Behind them is a new wall hanging which decorates the Parkwood Room. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

their exhilarating slides down. The sledding site is on Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information call Wayne County Parks at 313-261-1990.

WIDOW-WIDOWERS A support group for widows and widowers meets the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Maplewood Senior Center, 31735 Maplewood, just south of Warren Road and east of Meriman road in Garden City. Group seeks to help widows and widowers deal with loneliness, learn new skills within the home and adjust to living alone. To register call Rebecca Rouse of Community Hospice and Home Care Services at (734) 522-4244.

HONORS BAND CONCERT Ninety high school guest musicians will be performing at the Pease Auditorium, College Place at W. Cross, Ypsilanti, at 2 p.m. Jan. 18. The concert is sponsored by the Eastern Michigan University.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Will offer a Beginners Computer-Generology session at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity

Center, 15128 Farmington road (behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant. Kathy Petlewski from Schoolcraft College will be the speaker. On Feb. 21 a featured program on President Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, will be offered. Further information can be obtained by calling 425-8832 or 455-1122.

COOKING AND EXERCISE Aerobics with Dorothy Moody will be offered for 45 minutes on Mondays Jan. 5 through Feb. 9 at the Bailey Center in Westland. The cost is 25 for members and \$28 for non-members of the Westland Therapeutic Recreation group. The aerobics can even be joined by those in wheelchairs. After the exercise period a healthy dinner will be provided. Contact 734-722-7620 for further details.

DIABETES SUPPORT A program to help adult diabetes sufferers with their diets and other issues will be addressed at a meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at St. Mary Hospital Auditorium, located at Five Mile road and Levan in Livonia. At this meeting Medicare/Medicaid assistance programs will be discussed. For further information call 1-800-494-1650.

BRAIN TUMOR SUPPORT An educational program and support group for persons diagnosed with brain tumors and their families and friends. Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in the McAuley Cancer Care Center at the Ann Arbor site of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For further information call 313-712-3658.

HEART TO HEART Designed for the cardiac patient and family members. Offers a chance for patients to meet with others who share similar concerns. New groups form on a regular basis. Meets in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the Ann Arbor site at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For further information contact 313-712-3546.

XMAS DANCE An Xmas Dance for adults 21 and over starting at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft road west of Inkster road in Livonia. Dressy attire is required, no bluejeans. Tickets \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the West Side Singles orga-

nization. For further information call 313-981-0909.

HALLEY'S COMET Will be performed on stage by noted TV star John Amos and others at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit. Five performances are planned from Jan. 28-Feb. 1. The show is a moving story about an 87-year-old man, who shares the memories of a lifetime with Halley's Comet, which he saw at the age of 11 and continues with a cast of characters he has seen since that time. Amos starred in *Roots* and *Good Times*. For further information call 313-963-2366.

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS The next informal meeting of the Belleville area BPW is slated for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Belleville High School cafeteria. The cost is \$7.50 and reservations are needed. Call Sophie Zolle at 697-7379 or Linda Gabon at 404-5033. Group seeks women, who want new friendships, leadership development, educational assistance through loads and scholarships. Information on women's issues and community awareness also are passed along.

YOGA CLASSES will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Thursday throughout the months of January and February at the Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile road in Livonia. The class is offered on a donation basis. It is taught by Linda Haught. For more information call 313-421-1760.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS Auditions for the Plymouth Community Chorus's spring concert are now being conducted. The auditions will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at the First United Methodist Church Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial road, west of Sheldon. Male voices, particularly tenors, and female voices also are needed. Other auditions are slated by appointment by calling 313-455-4080. Those sessions are slated for 7 p.m. Jan. 13, 20 and 27.

MADONNA OPEN HOUSE A prospective students are invited to attend Madonna University's open house from 1 to 4 p.m. March 28 at 36600 Schoolcraft road in Livonia. Visitors can tour the campus, meet the faculty and staff as well as learn about the university's 50 undergraduate programs. For more information call 734-432-5339.

NEW YEAR JUBILEE An alcohol and drug free New Year's Jubilee is slated for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at churches and buildings in and around Ypsilanti's Historic District. Over 40 performances by 30 different artists have been booked for the holiday session. Special food and beverages also will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$15 at the door) and \$5 for children up to 12. Those under 5 are free. For further information call 313-483-4444.

RECITAL PLANNED A recital featuring works from Bach to Barber is being offered at Madonna University at 3 p.m. Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. The performing artists include Barbara Wiltsie, a mezzo-soprano and Linette Popoff-Parks on the piano. For further information call 734-432-5709.

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION The 10th annual "Around the World" Scholarship auction of the Madonna University is slated for 5:30 p.m. April 24 at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Proceeds are used to provide scholarship opportunities. For more information call 734-432-5421.

HOME, GARDEN SHOW The sixth annual Spring Home and Garden Show opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi road. Tickets are available at Farmer Jack stores at \$9 a family. The show is sponsored by the Building Industry Association and offers "everything under one roof." Among the guests will be the "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed, "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haage and Money Talk's Rick Bloom. For more information call 248-737-4478.

FAMILY RADIO SHOWS Families can produce and perform a radio play just as they did in the golden age of radio by visiting the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 or 29. The museum provides the equipment and the families provide the voices, narration and sound effects.

MEMORY LANE Family treasure hunts will be available at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during the month of March. Attendees will be able to hunt for a Weinermobile, family camping trip items and even more. Families will be provided with a list of clues to locate treasures within the museum and hopefully the clues also will spark memories and discussions. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$11.50 for senior citizens, \$6.25 for children 5 to 12 and those under are free.

PRINCESS DI BEANIE BABY A silent auction for a Princess Di Bear and Princess ring is being conducted by the Susan B. Ashlee Co. of Livonia. Mail your bid (list item wanted) with your name, address and phone number to "Beanies to Help Children," Susan B. Ashlee Co., P.O. Box 51743, Livonia, MI, 48151 or call 313-422-8700. Funds will be used to aid Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

CHOIR AUDITIONS Experienced singers of all voice parts are invited to audition for the Schoolcraft College Community Choir at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 and 20 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile road in Livonia. The choir is directed by Donald Stromberg. To schedule an audition call choir president Shari Clason at 248-349-8175.

AMPUTEE SUPPORT Ongoing education and support for persons with amputations, their family and friends. Guest speakers are provided. Meets in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the Ann Arbor site of St. Joseph's Hospital. Further information call 313-712-3546.



Welcome

Welcoming guests to the chamber holiday party were Cheryl Kennedy and Katie Casarz of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner



Hopson honored

Romulus Chamber of Commerce President Joel Carr (right) congratulates Ron Hopson, longtime businessman and political activist, after Hopson was named the chamber's 18th annual Person of the Year. Hopson will be honored at a banquet on March 20th at the Royce Hotel in Romulus. MCN Special Photo

CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI, 48184. You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

Event:

Date and time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Information:

Use additional Sheet if necessary

Person of Year nominations sought

Residents of Western Wayne County are asked to submit the names of individuals for consideration in the naming of Michigan Community Newspapers' 1998 Person of the Year.

The individuals nominated could be leaders in the community, school or church volunteers, community activists, club or organization workers or any person whose contributions to Western Wayne County and its residents has been praiseworthy. The nominees could be named for his or her recent accomplishments or for their lifetime efforts.

Among the previous hon-

orees are the late Senator William Faust, the late Joseph Benyo of Westland, former state representative James Kosteva of Canton and State Senator Loren Bennett of Canton. Bennett was named 1997 Person of the Year and Stephanie Smith, the 8-year-old from Belleville who has fought a courageous battle against an auto immune disease, was named 1997 Young Person of the Year.

A letter, outlining the accomplishments of the nominee and giving a brief biography, should be sent to Person of the Year, Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184 before Jan. 31, 1998.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, December 30, 1997, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
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86	CHEV.	PU	RED	1GCEC14H2GF448363
84	RENAULT	4 DOOR	BLU	1XMDC9530EK196769
83	OLDS	4 DOOR	GRAY	1G3AY69Y7DM874840
93	PLYMOUTH	2 DR. SUNDANCE	RED	1P3XP24D5PN597680
87	PLYMOUTH	2 DR. SUNDANCE	RED	1P3BS44D3HN419143
86	DODGE	4 DR. LANCER	GRAY	1B3BX48K9GN162905
81	AMC	2 DR. HORNET	BURGY	1AMCA4602BK218578
86	PONT.	2 DR. GRAND AM	RED	1G2NV27U6GC635023

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after January 25, 1997, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

89	MERCURY	4 DR. TOPAZ	WHITE	2MEPM36CXXKB08391
85	CHEV	2 DR.	BLUE	1G1FP87S1FN124696

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A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 97-65 GAS POWERED FORK LIFT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (313) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., January 6, 1998. At that time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED
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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
BID 97-65

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- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid price will be required.

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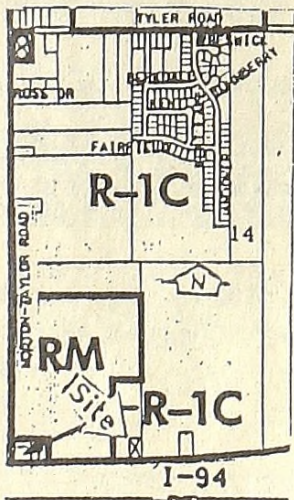
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, PARCEL NUMBER V-125-83-055-99-0006-001 (N. I-94 SERVICE DRIVE/EAST OF MORTON TAYLOR), .86 ACRE.

To amend the zoning ordinance No. 6/2/92 as amended by amending the zoning map as follows:

R-1C (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) to C-2 (EXTENSIVE HIGHWAY BUSINESS)



A public hearing will be held in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Belleville, MI 48111 on Wednesday the 14TH day of JANUARY, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. (or as scheduled on the agenda). Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the Hearing date.

Cindy C. King CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: December 25, 1997
January 8, 1998

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be available with advance notice.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORK QUIRK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority will receive firm subcontractors bids for Asbestos Abatement Work to occur at, the former Quirk Elementary School located in Belleville, Michigan.

The bidding documents consisting of plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Professional Services Consultant (PSC), Environmental Testing & Consulting, Inc., 38900 Huron River Drive, Romulus, MI 48174, (313) 955-6600 on or after December 29, 1997. **A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** will be held on January 6, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. at Quirk Elementary School, 46270 Ayers Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

The Envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid as "Quirk School Asbestos Abatement" and be addressed to the Downtown Development Authority, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, Attention: Mr. Bryce Kelley and must be delivered no later than 5:00 P.M., E.S.T., January 13, 1998. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Consultant and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and proposal being bid. A bid bond executed by a surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority shall be submitted with each proposal over \$15,574.00. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority starting at 5:30 P.M. January 13, 1998.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

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December 28, 1997
January 1, 1997
January 4, 1997



Puzzler

Lisa Brady, 4, enjoys working alphabet puzzles at the William Faust Public Library in Westland. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

Float pulls through problems, wins top prize

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

When Tyler Elementary School won the Grand Marshall Trophy for the best float in the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade, it wasn't without a hitch. Or maybe, it was.

Dean Zak, vice-president of Tyler's PTO, built the float in his garage at home. With the theme of the parade being the 12 Days of Christmas, Tyler Elementary decided to ask the question, "How do you wrap up the 12 days of Christmas?"

A huge box was built, wrapped, and filled with items representing things from the song, such as cows for the "eight maids 'a milking," swans for the "seven swans 'a swimming," and, of course the "five golden rings." There were also live animals, such as geese for the "six geese 'a laying", and French hens.


Zak said the float fit perfectly inside of his garage. But, on the morning of the parade, he realized that the ceiling in his garage and the doorway of his garage were two different heights, with the doorway being smaller.

He contemplated what to do about his dilemma, and decided that if he let the air out of the tires on the trailer, the float would fit through the doorway. Out came the air, but then the trailer would not budge from its resting spot.

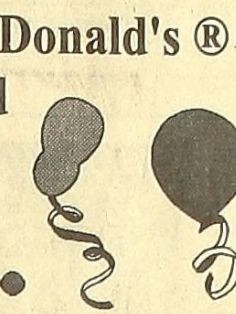
Zak re-inflated the tires, took the float apart, and wheeled it out the door. By 9:30 a.m., Principal Raymond Gross had shown up, and the two men quickly reassembled the float. The parade was set to start at 11 a.m., so they were still ahead of the game as they hitched up the trailer, and prepared to leave. There was just one problem, their truck wouldn't start. After 20 minutes of trying to start the vehicle, it finally worked, and they were on their way.

Two miles down the road, the trailer came loose. The hitch had come apart. Somehow Zak and Gross managed to put it back together, but now they had to rush. Of course, everyone knows what happens when you are in a hurry to get somewhere. There's got to be a traffic jam. There was.

The float finally arrived at Belleville High School at 10:30 a.m., and made its way down the parade route without any further problems.



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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 27-12/15/97

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott
331: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 12/1/97
-Adopted Budget Amendment 98-5 & Contract Amendment for CWV Youth Assistance Grant, amt \$7,189
-Adopted Budget Amendment 98-6: Community Development Block Grant Service Contract with Wayne/Westland Schools, amt \$10,000
-Adopted Budget Amendment 98-7: Changes in Motorpool Vehicle Budget, amt \$16,000
-Adopted resolution extending Resolution #97-7-187 as amended by Resolution #97-10-286 regarding moratorium for issuance of permits for placement, construction & installations of wireless communications towers & antennas for additional 90 days
-Adopted resolution to obtain permit for construction of storm sewer connection, 33124 Warren
-Approved Bid - Reconditioning of 3 Street Sweepers to Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc, amt \$101,850
-Approved Bid - Purchase of Van for Court Worker Program to Red Holman through Oakland County
-Approved Bid - 2 slide-in salt spreaders for DPS to Miller Equipment, amt \$6,390
-Approved of Lease-Purchase Maintenance Equipment for Golf Course Spartan Distributors, amt \$1,100,530
-Approved Contract Amendment for Asphalt Repairs with Pritula & Sons for additional, amt \$15,000 thru 6/30/98
-97-30, install 2 "Do Not Pass" signs on E & WB Florence between Hix & John Hix;
97-31, install 1 "No Stopping, Standing, Parking" sign at dead end of Linville at John Glenn HS; 97-32, install 1 "No Parking Anytime" sign in front of 34832 University;
97-33, install 5 "No Parking Anytime" signs on N side of Greenwood between Wayne/Harvey; 97-34, install 3 "Stop" signs on SB Filbert at Steinhauer & on E & WB Steinhauer at Filbert
-Approved extension of deadline for winter taxes, without additional penalty to 3/1/98
-Approved request from City Attorney to authorize J Pestle to file Reply & Comments with FCC on behalf of Westland
332: Closed public hearing on request for approval of Police Block Grant Expenditures
333: Accepted & authorized expenditures of Police Block Grant
334: Granted special land use approval for expansion of existing Angelo Bros Restaurant, 33550 Ford & parking on residential lot #63 of Vincent Manor Sub
335: Granted site plan approval for proposed addition to Angelo Bros Restaurant, 33550 Ford with contingency
338: Approved Maplehurst Condominium Development Agreement
339: Approved Check List-\$284,225.08 & Prepaid-\$3,221,491.24
Mtg adjourned at 8:45 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

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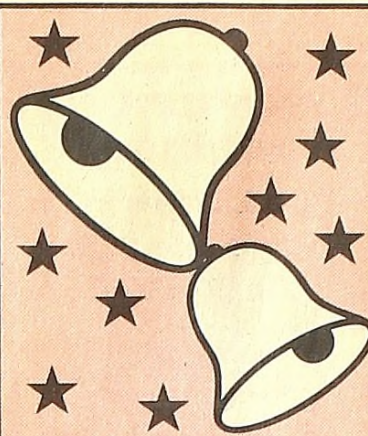
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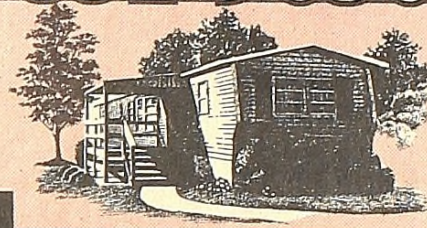
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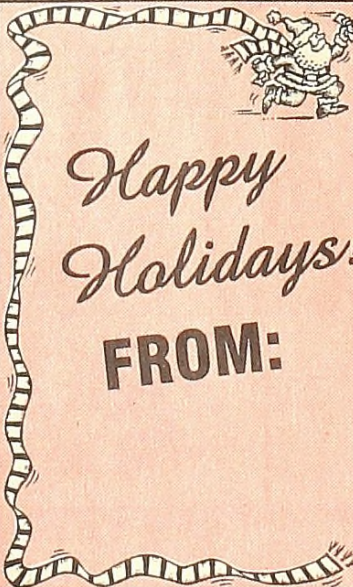
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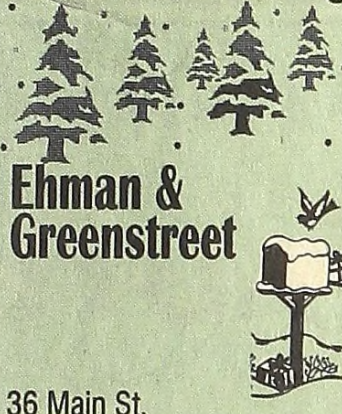
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- Spirit of Christmas 1997 Domino's Farms Christmas Light Display through Dec. 31. Open 6 to 10 p.m. nightly. Donation, \$5 per vehicle on weekdays through Thursday, and \$7 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Radio City Music Hall Rockettes perform through Dec. 27 at the Fox Theater in its *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. Call 810-433-1515 for ticket information.
- Hudson's eighth annual animated walk-through display, *A Christmas Carol* is open to the public through Dec. 31 during Hudson's store hours at the Summit Place Mall.
- *The Holly Daze Caper*, an audience participation murder mystery will be staged every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 31. Information about the Jackson Productions Dinner Theater play at Fiorelli's Restaurant in Flat Rock is available by callign 782-1431.
- Through Dec. 28 at BASF Park in Waterfront Park in Wyandotte, Henry Ford Health System Light Fest is open. Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Cost is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for seniors (65 and older) and \$1 for children, 4 to 15.
- Lights Before Christmas is open at the Toledo Zoo and continues through Jan. 4. The display will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. Nightly hours are 5 to 8:30 p.m. Admission for adults is \$4 and for children and senior citizens, \$2.
- Set for the Holidays at Meadow Brook Hall through Dec. 7. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Dec. 2 and 3 when hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 248-370-3140 for information.
- *A Christmas Carol* plays at Meadow Brook Theatre through Dec. 28. Call 248-377-3300 for ticket information.
- Zoo Lights Festival at Binder Park Zoo, Battle Creek from 5 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).
- Henry Ford Estates host Christmas at Fair Lane through Dec. 31. Public tours are available during December on weekdays. For tickets or information, call Kathleen Haag, 593-5590.
- Annual Kwanzaa Jazz Concert with Barry Harris at piano, 7 p.m. Dec. 27 at the 1st Unitarian-Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. Donation \$15/\$5 for children 12 and younger, includes afterglow.

Spirit of giving pervasive in Western Wayne

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

The holiday season tends to bring out the best in people, and this year was no exception.

As organizations announced their plans to assist the needy in Western Wayne County, residents in the area opened their hearts and their wallets, giving generously from both.

In the Belleville Area, \$17,000 was raised by the Belleville-Van Buren Goodfellows, enabling them to help 106 families, including 240 children. So much food was collected by the Van Buren Public School District and others, that most families received more than usual.

Court Officer Greg Milatz, at

the 34th District Court in Romulus, and Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy David Green began a toy drive for needy children. The drive had a ripple effect. Milatz had asked his fellow employees to donate a toy apiece. As the toys began coming in, others coming through the court began to question it. Soon, attorneys, judges and police officers coming to the court for different cases began bringing in bundles of toys. Their goal was to help 30 families with 100 children.

The Inkster Goodfellows helped 123 families this year, after they raised \$14,000 in their newspaper drive. According to Goodfellows' Treasurer Dorothy Moore, the families, based on size, received a gift certificate for

shoes, one for food, and another for clothing. They also received socks, gloves and hats, which were donated in another drive.

The Michigan Community Newspapers' annual Christmas Wish Program also helped many people throughout the area. Seventy families received food and gifts, from money generated through advertising in the Christmas Wish special section.

Tiffany Summers, 10, was thrilled when staff members from MCN showed up at her house in Wayne with a new puppy. She had witnessed her pet daschund, Meyer, being mauled by two pit bulls in August. Her eyes lit up when she was handed the puppy, a long-haired daschund she named, Oscar.



Hundreds of toys, games and dolls were collected at the 34th District Court (left). Shown from left are Court Officer Greg Milatz, court employee Linda Palmatier, Judge Henry Zaborowski, court employees Amy Thomason, Dawn Springer, and Sue Jensen. Tiffany Summers (above), 10, was all smiles when she received a new puppy through the MCN Christmas Wish Program. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

Goodfellows mark 52 years of helping people

This year marks the 52nd time the area Goodfellows have sold special edition newspapers to raise funds for the needy children, and later families, in the Belleville and Van Buren area.

The first Goodfellows' newspapers were sold on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1946. Ray Clift, the owner and publisher of the *Enterprise-Roman* donated over 1,000 copies of the newspaper without charge.

Belleville and Van Buren Township Veterans of Foreign Wars, Huron River Post 4434 and the ladies of the Huron River Auxiliary were the Goodfellows who sold the papers and raised \$202.35 so there would be "No Child Without a Christmas" in their first year.

The VFW Goodfellows held the first Christmas children's party at the Masonic Temple on Main Street on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1946.

The children were served a turkey dinner by the ladies auxiliary. There was a Christmas tree with gifts under it for all of the children. The Belleville Jaycees gave peanuts and candy to add to the event. All joined in singing Christmas songs.

The dining room was well-decorated, and a large Santa Claus figure delighted the kids, as well as Santa giving out gifts from below the tree. Over 120 children attended the first party.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Belleville donated their time and cars to give the kids rides home after the event ended.

The Goodfellows became known as the "Belleville-Van Buren VFW Goodfellows."

Jerry Maton was a driving force to keep the VFW Goodfellows active from 1946 through 1985.

The Goodfellows held their annual children's parties either at the Grace Baptist Church site on Roys Street, the old Oddfellow hall (the old Belleville High School building) where Oakwood Clinic now stands on Third Street, and



Belleville City Manager Kerreen Gellert (left to right), Van Buren Officer Jim Haney, Van Buren Director of Public Safety Mark Perkins, Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman, Belleville Officer Robert Dawson, Toby Leis, Belleville Fire Chief Jack Loria, and two others marked the Belleville-Van Buren Goodfellows' 52nd event. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

mostly at the Masonic Temple.

Several local barbers gave their time and services to cut hair at the different locations through the years at the yearly party.

In the fall of 1956, the VFW built their first Veterans hall at 750 E. Huron River Drive (where the Belleville Free Will Baptist Church now is located) and held their children's parties there.

It was decided later at the Veterans hall to discontinue the children's parties each year, and instead give food baskets to the needy families.

Each child in the families received a \$10 bill along with the food basket.

The VFW Goodfellows held their last newspaper drive on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5, 6 and 7, 1985. They gave out their food baskets Dec. 20 and 21.

The old VFW Goodfellows were aging, and only a few remained that last year.

Belleville-Van Buren VFW Goodfellows sponsored 40 newspaper drives and needy Christmas events.

In December 1986, George Hunter, keeper of the purse for the VFW, turned over the assets that remained to Pat Birbeck, and said to Pat, "Now you are the Goodfellow."

Pat was the lone person in the Goodfellows when she took it over. She was involved in other community activities, and this last minute task was a challenge to her.

She coordinated the new Goodfellows and it was renamed "Belleville Area Goodfellows."

Pat received the help of NBD Manager Gerald Kruse, Stephanie Soja, September Days Senior Center, and many other groups, merchants and people, including the Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout her years as president of the Belleville Area Goodfellows, more be-

came involved.

Pat Birbeck passed away June 28, 1991. In her last year as Goodfellows president, during December 1990, over 326 families were helped.

Paul Nerswick became the Goodfellows president after Pat's death, and spearheaded the December 1991 event.

WSDS radio and Waste Management joined together Dec. 12 and 13 on the radio to help the Belleville Area Goodfellows aid the families in need.

Bob Memering of Express Tire on Belleville Road, gave a check to match all monetary donations.

Later, outside the area, Murray's Discount Auto Parts donated food and toys. Ford Local Union 845, and the Sheldon Road plant in Plymouth Township have also donated.

School children in the school district donated canned goods, as has the Teacher's Association. Many businesses, or-

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ganizations and people have contributed.

Paul Nerswick served as Goodfellows president until this year, when he resigned.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman and Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Mark Perkins have taken over as co-chairpersons for this year's Goodfellows paper drive, selling the special edition Nov. 28 and 29.

For 52 Goodfellow events, the *Enterprise-Roman* and later, the *Belleville Enterprise* has donated all of the special editions of the Goodfellows newspaper.

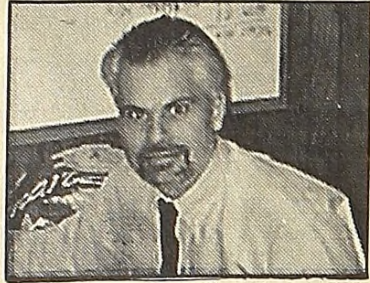
The first year, over 1,000 were donated, and this year, 5,000 newspapers were donated.

Thank you Belleville *Enterprise* for your support, and the Belleville-Van Buren fire and police departments and reserves among everyone that has volunteered time, money, gifts, food and unselfishness. Merry Christmas to all of the Goodfellows.

Editor's note: The above article was written by Bob Doane, a historian from Belleville.

Something special abounds in season

While Christmas is clearly a Christian holiday, centered around the celebration of the birth of Christ, its spirit has transcended religious boundaries.



Mike Wilcox

It remains a religious observance for the faithful, but the spirit of the holiday has taken on a special meaning for all people, giving it a unique universal appeal.

Some Christians may believe that the meaning of the holiday has been somehow diluted by the early arrival of the season, the shopping frenzy and the deluge of TV holiday specials, but we cannot deny that its spirit of peace and good will have become part of the universal appeal of the holiday.

For a short time, the violence on television takes a back seat to Frosty the Snowman and sentimental TV specials give us a glimpse of the better side of mankind — not something we are apt to view during the remainder of the year.

During the holiday season we exchange greetings of peace and good will to all men — and for at least a time, we have hope that peace and good will can prevail in the world.

Today, we dream of peace while our troops patrol the uneasy truce in Bosnia, African nations wage civil wars, extremists attack tourists in Egypt and Israelis and Palestinians continue their battle over what we call the Holy Land — all of which are a far

cry from our dream of peace on earth.

Still, we hold onto our dream in the season of good will.

The season also bridges the gaps between people of different races, ethnic origins and financial status. Helping hands are extended to the needy regardless of their backgrounds and any perceived differences between the givers and the receivers.

For these few days, we see only the smile on the face of the child who receives a new coat or a doll, not the color of his or her skin or whether the reason for the family's poverty is illness, loss of employment or substance abuse.

During the remainder of the year, we may differentiate between the "real" needy and those whose lifestyles have driven them to poverty, but at the Christmas season we extend our generosity without strings attached.

Restaurants provide free holiday meals for the needy, shoppers drop coins and currency into the Salvation Army kettles and stores and businesses donate gifts to the needy in projects like Michigan Community Newspapers' Christmas Wish Program.

It is the unqualified goodness of one person reaching out to help another that is the true Christmas spirit and the reason that we are filled with hope during the holidays.

We hope — and wonder — if some day the world could be filled with this spirit, not for a season but for 365 days a year. Christmas seems to be the only time of the year when we dare to dream that dream and hold onto that hope.

Merry Christmas!



Thanks for temple remark

To the editor:

In reply to your remark calling the Friendship Center a Temple, thank you, thank you. That it is indeed!

Webster's definition of a temple is "a building usually of pretentious size devoted to serving the public."

Oh yes, the Friendship Center is certainly devoted to serving we, the seniors.

It offers recreational and educational opportunities, specialized services, all types of activities, counseling, comfort and solace, etc., etc., to we the seniors of Westland.

We come to our Temple, the Friendship Center, knowing we "have a place to go," to meet others, to get help, to know "we are not alone" in our senior years. We are always welcome.

Mr. McCusker, you have not done your homework when you state that our Youth Programs do not receive enough financial support from the city officials, compared to the "lopsided" amount of money spent on senior citizen programs.

Our City Budget shows that the amount given to support our

Youth Programs far surpasses what the City Budget gives to seniors.

We, the seniors, have done, and are still doing, more than our share in supporting our "Temple" by donating financially and volunteering our time in any activity that enhances our Friendship Center.

We, too, believe in supporting our Youth Programs.

The Friendship Center has had a successful, active "intergenerational" Program between the seniors and the students of Wayne Westland for the past seven years.

Mr. McCusker, when there are more children than school buildings, there is approval for the building of new schools, new programs.

Should this also not pertain to we the seniors? When you have more seniors than space, are we not entitled to enlarge?

Our Director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek has devoted herself for 27 and 1/2 years in building a Friendship Center for the seniors. Our "Temple" has 2,500 registered members, servicing approximately 4,000 seniors.

Did you know that for seven

and a half years Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek created and developed the Wayne-Westland Schools senior program? Because there was no space available for an office, she originally worked out of her own home. The seniors met in John Glenn High School. The Junior High Schools and Elementary cafeterias. This program is known to you now as the Dyer Center.

Her devotion, endeavors, hard work, etc. have given us our "Temple, the Friendship Center."

So, Mr. McCusker, we, the seniors in discussing your letter pertaining to us and the Friendship Center, have come to the conclusion that you speak with "a forked tongue" when you advocate and stress "Life Long Learning" for the Wayne-Westland School District.

No one should draw the line as to which is more important "our youth" or "we the seniors."

We all need Tender Loving Care.

In sincerity,

Flo D'Agostino

and the Seniors of the Temple, the Friendship Center

Sounds and Sites of a Westland Christmas

Honk, honk. Westland Shopping Center's Christmas shopping traffic inched along Warren Road and backed up down Central City Parkway, feet resting on brake pedals.



Ivan Helfman

For one weekend, traffic on Ford Road in Westland was as snarled as a typical rush hour in Canton.

Saturday was a gray day muddled up by bitter exhaust fumes and rising late season construction road dust. Inferior Saturday music played on the FM stations with the prime time weekday jocks probably out shopping too.

The White Christmases of old are gone, replaced by jam packed roads and malls with long check out lines.

The reason? Global warming, El Nino, bad city planning — who knows?

The traffic was densest down the dirt roads at the Dominos Farms Light Show Saturday night.

\$7 to get in, the money promised to an anti-leukemia charity, a good cause, but they don't tell you until you're stuck in line and can't get out.

Lights were pretty, especially when they bathed the pine trees and goats in purple, pink, and amber, but they looked better from US 23.

Remarkable how Dominos makes better light

shows than pizzas. On the other hand, they deliver the pizzas faster. It took an hour to crawl through the illuminated mile loop. Flashlights shooed on suburban utility vehicles full of big families. Dominos workers wearing hooded snow suits over their white shirts and ties if they were guys and round collared blouses if gals flashed blank smiles, collected the dough, and tried to convince drivers to pull into their corporate lobby and fork over \$5 more per head for unlimited slices of pizza. Few takers.

That people will go through so much for Christmas shows how much the holiday means. No matter how bad things get for the average American during the biggest corporate business boom in history, people doggedly hang on to the holiday spirit.

A connection to better times, when the country's vast wealth was more fairly divided between workers, their families, and business owners in a less corporate America, the holiday shines brighter than the Dominos lights.

Let them enjoy it.

But when the holiday ends and the Christmas spirit evaporates, there's a new harsh reality that government on all levels ignores. According to a recent article in the *New York Times Book Review*, 73 percent of workers aren't making enough money to comfortably raise a family.

If only the spirit would stay. Unfortunately, only the traffic will.

Thanks a Million

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nots" loom so large.

With heavy heart In hand I'm sending \$1,000. Now, you can make a difference in a larger way for one family or in a modest way for 10 families. In a way I'm passing the buck, but it's time someone else wrestles with their conscience. Good luck.

Dear Percy Ross: Man, you have a tough job sitting around picking and choosing who will and who won't get your stupid money. Do I understand correctly you get paid for this?

You probably give out a lot less than you take in. In other words, you have a first class scam and I don't know whether to envy or pity you.

Ms. P.D.... Huron Daily Tribune, Bad Axe, Mich.

Dear Ms. D.: About every other month I get a letter of your nature in which the person thinks he or she has cracked the essence of my existence. Yes, I get paid for writing this column, but truth be told, I may go broke before I ever break even. So envy me if you wish, but save your pity for another man whose money brings him no joy.

Editor's note: Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at www.thanksamillion.com. Write Percy Ross, P. O. Box 39000-P, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number and the name of this publication. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

Thanks to city workers

To the editor:

I just want to thank the city employees of Wayne for the great job they have been doing for the residents of Wayne.

It seems that some people are very negative toward the city employees at City Hall. Let me tell you I know for a fact the employees at city hall have always been kind to me and went out of their way to help when called on.

These people deserve gratitude and thanks from all of us. They are only doing their job and trying to make a living to support their families like everyone else.

When someone is doing a good job, they need a little praise, not criticism.

I say keep up the good work from the city manager on down.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Remember one thing — God loves you and so do I, so keep up the good work.

Cliff Johnson
President, Metro
Wayne Democratic Club

Beware Fellow Citizens of Romulus

To the editor:

The ugly head of "dirty" politics is again rising. This time it is in the form of a very crude piece of mail advocating a recall of four council members.

It is not my intent here to support or defend the four council members. What I do intend to do is expose the cowardly way anyone would go about this kind of suggestion for recall.

Now, if someone feels strongly enough that these four council

people have done something so criminally wrong as to recall them, so be it. But let's be open, brave and responsible enough to draw up the proper petitions, take your case to the people and attempt to get enough signatures to recall in an open and legal fashion. Put your name and your face out there for all to see or crawl back into your "dirty politics" hole where cowards belong.

Mary J. Collins

Romulus

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Belleville

Let's work to use City Hall better

To the editor:

We need to build a new city hall. "How many times have you said this, heard or thought about new and bigger facilities? Where will we get the money? More taxes?"

During my campaign many residents complained about the limited meeting space and lack of audio equipment in council chambers, Mayor Fassett asked several years ago, "Why not use the meeting room in the fire hall on Liberty Street?"

The meeting room at the Belleville Fire Hall certainly more than measured up to my expectations as a result of the study requested by Mayor Fassett at last city council meeting.

My committee and I found that the meeting room at the fire hall will adequately and comfortably accommodate approximately 100 chairs with an overflow to further accommodate an additional 30 chairs comfortably.

These figures surprised us. Why have we been cramped into the present council chambers for so long when this space has been available for many years?

Why has our office space at city hall been so limited for so long when the move of meetings to Liberty Street would have freed up room at city hall for the expansion of additional office space we just found out at last city council meeting is so desperately needed by the police department.

With this exciting prospect of adequate meeting space for our residents, I continued my study further.

The Chamber of Commerce was very excited about more resident access to meetings comfortably and volunteered to allow the city temporary loan of their public address system until we can buy our own.

Additionally, the Pawlus Funeral Home is close by and the owner has said we can use some of their folding chairs for meetings until we can buy our own.

What wonderful neighbors we have willing to work together and help us for the good of the community.

You see folks, we really do want you at the meetings and we do want you to be able to hear at these meetings.

The issue of using the meeting room at the fire hall came about because I was told at last council meeting, when I asked my fellow councilmen to approve one smaller, more private office for council and mayor that the former city clerk's office I suggested (one of three presently used by Keith Boc) would really be better utilized by the police department for an interrogation room.

After that need was explained to me, I can certainly sympathize with our city employees needing more efficient space in city hall.

Because of need to develop more office space in city hall developing the use of the meeting room on Liberty Street appears to be the answer.

Not only will council meetings adequately "fit" in the fire hall, but all boards, commissions, committees, along with the continuation of police training, firemen training/practice and meetings can also meet without interruption, because there is no conflict of schedules.

The taxpayers will find that their tax dollars have been used to maintain a very nice and adequate meeting room for them at the fire hall.

The freeing up of the council chambers and the dividing up of that room into offices will bring about better use of space. And what you taxpayers

have told me is certainly true. "We are not getting our money's worth".

On further investigation, we have found other spots in city hall that may be under utilized and we will be conducting studies of the entire city hall to ensure that steps are taken to develop a long term plan for better space utilization in order that your city hall can better serve you-the people it belongs to.

I will be the first to agree, we must provide adequate work space for our employees. I have found that there are possibly seven additional spots in our present city hall that can be better developed and utilized for our city workers.

Rest assured fellow taxpayers, I will not be working on raising taxes in order to build a new city hall.

I will be working to ensure that we better study, develop, and utilize what we already have.

Of course, these plans will take the support of my fellow councilmen. I know that what we all want is what is best for all of Belleville.

I will expect your support as you encourage your councilmen to work in harmony to help investigate, develop and utilize the space we have with no more taxes.

I need your support, we have many smart people in Belleville. If you have any ideas, as to how we may use your city hall and your tax dollars more wisely, write me, call me, come to city council, meetings.

And please attend as many of the other commissions and committee meetings you can. The meetings are your business. They are your right to know, they are a good place for your voice to be heard.

Kay Atkins
Belleville Councilwoman

Let seniors eat donuts

To the editor:

The Big Boy restaurants senior citizen discount is a good deal for the small spender but a lousy deal for the serious eaters. I suppose seniors should be appreciative of any discount but the logic of Big Boys policy escapes me.

To receive a discount seniors must fill a card that requires ten visits with a minimum \$2.50 purchase and only one credit per visit regardless of the total bill. You

cannot redeem a full card on the same visit that the card is filled but must wait until the next visit.

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percent.

If you are a big spender and average \$10 or more, your discount would be a pathetic 4.5 percent or less, which makes it hardly worth the effort.

A policy that attracts the coffee and donut crowd and discourages the supper set does not make sense to me.

I think it is time for the Big Boy policy makers to evaluate this policy to see if it is achieving the desired results.

John Livingstone

Scanner information in article was illegal

To the editor:

In response to your article featured within the MCN issue (activist threatens), I wish to comment.

The reader you mentioned reporting to you confidential information obtained by monitoring a "police frequency", is illegal. The F.C.C. has since the year 1934 maintained in official language that information heard via a law enforcement monitoring device must remain confidential. The FBI is empowered to investigate and arrest when the rule is violated.

In the tragic situation which lead to your article is a serious police investigation, these officers risk their personal safety each time a dispatch is broadcast.

While the reader may not understand the rules, you, as a professional reporter, representing a long established newspaper should have informed the writer or caller that information obtained via the scanner/monitor will not be published or even considered.

Should you have any questions regarding the F.C.C. rules, they may be obtained by contacting the Federal Com-

munications Commission, Washington, D.C., or by waiting for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice to contact your news-

paper.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Walter Ingram, Ph.D.
Westland

Bollinger ignores constitution

To the editor:

University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger insists on ignoring the Constitution, circumventing the Federal Civil Rights Act, and violating the recent decision by the Supreme Court, in pressing for an admissions policy that discriminates against White and Asian-American applicants. It is more than disappointing that a college president would take such a stance, openly flaunt the law of the land, and display a divisive and racist attitude that destroys fairness and justice.

Bollinger seems to believe that diversity is furthered when selective admissions policies are employed to increase the enrollment of minorities. The diversity Bollinger seeks seems to be a color selection to supposedly engineer classes where students will learn

more and at a faster rate because of the new elbow-rubbing process that color diversity will produce.

Selecting students for admission that rank in the highest group in achievement, grade-point average, and SAT and ACT scores will result in a student class that has more ideas, better ideas, and can introduce, discuss, explain, and articulate ideas better than a class where some of those with the higher credentials are excused and students with lower achievement records are admitted.

The homogenous group with the highest credentials will always prove to have a wider range of ideas than groups that include students placing lower on the Bell curve.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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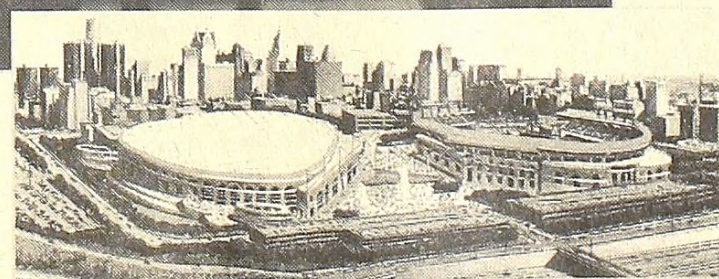
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Seniors on the go

Events at Wayne Senior Center

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

December is a very busy month at the Wayne Senior Activity Center at 35000 Sims Avenue. Bingo is played at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. All

proceeds go to the Golden Hour Club which meets every Thursday afternoon for a pot luck lunch.

On Dec. 18, there will be a blood pressure check at 10:30 a.m. and the seniors will have their first Christmas gathering in their new building from noon to 4 p.m.

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School bulletin board



Santa's helpers

Alexis Parr, Toni Watson, Missy Maylone and Nicole Brooks, freshmen at Wayne Memorial High School, volunteered to help the children see Santa at the Wayne Senior Activity Center last Sunday. MCN photo by Jenny Johnson

Belleville chooses Iron Man, Maiden

The Belleville High School Physical Education Department has announced the winners in the annual Top Ten Contests that took place in November.

The Iron Man and Maiden winners are determined by best score out of all students who participate.

This year's winners for Iron Man is Dewayne Waddell. Iron Maiden is Brenda Zeestraten. Both are seniors.

The Iron Man and Iron Maiden for the ninth and tenth grades are Daniel Jones and Kerry Cullen.

The contest consisted of five events: chin-ups, push-ups, sit ups, shuttle run and Iron Man or Maiden contest. The student who competed in the first four events were automatically entered in the Iron Man or Maiden Contest.

Push ups was the most difficult area of the competition. Many students had to perform many before they execute the perfect push-up.

The staff of Bob LaPointe, Gerald Malecek, Karen Stipe and Wesley Wishart, developed a "perfect push-up board" that warned a participant when they fail to keep their backs straight.

There was a one minute time limit for the sit-ups. The males contestants had to hold a 15 lb. sand bag behind their necks while performing the sit-ups.



Students receive letters

Students from John Glenn High School (top) participated in the Academic Letter Awards Ceremony with students from Wayne Memorial High School (right) in an event staged at WMHS. MCN photo by Jenny Johnson



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Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens is done at Maplewood community Center (Maplewood, west of Merri-man) every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Counseling and assistance for clients with issues or questions about Medicare/Medicaid forms and benefits are available on the first Tuesday of each month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, between noon and 2 p.m.

Senior shuttle bus is available from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays to transport Canton seniors from the park bus stop to the senior center in the Summit on the Park.

Seniors in Canton will be seeing *Riverdance* in March. A trip to the Garland Resort in Lewistown, Mich. is planned on Jan. 22-23.

Blood pressure screenings are provided on the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospital.



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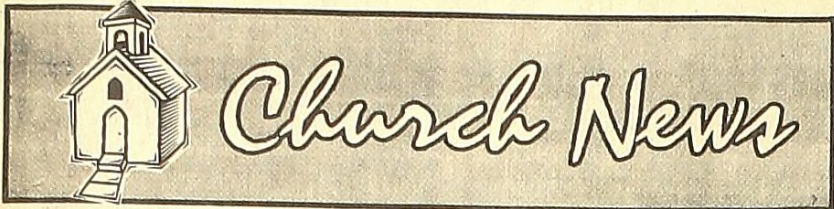
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Thousands of area Christians will be flocking to area Catholic and Protestant churches about 7:30 tonight for annual Christmas Eve services.

Many of the services are slated so that children can also attend and will include candle lit processions, the reading of the birth of Christ from the gospel of St. Luke and the singing of Christmas carols that date back centuries.

The story of the birth of Christ read each year begins "in those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register."

Thus a little known carpenter by the name of Joseph and his virgin soon to be bride, Mary, traveled off to Bethlehem from Nazareth, where their son, Jesus Christ, was about to be born in a lowly manger, because their was no room for their family at a local inn.

Later tonight another service, usually either at 11 p.m. or midnight, follows for older members of the family.

Some Christians will return on Christmas morning to sing praises on the Lord's birthday, reminding worshippers that the birth of Jesus was predicted in the Old Testament book of Isaiah long before his arrival in Bethlehem.

The Advent period of the Christian year is usually one of the best attended times as families made up of grandparents, parents and children gather to thank God for the many blessings of the year.

Similar times for masses and services will occur next week as Christians once again prepare to mark the new year of 1998.

Services will be conducted

early on New Years Eve and then again on New Years Day. Check the church phone answering machine of your choice if you are unfamiliar with schedules. Most churches have the times of their services on such recording devices.

The local Salvation Army will conclude its annual Christmas holiday bell ringing on Christmas Eve, hoping to surpass its \$110,000 goal for the 1997 holiday season.

Capt. Mark Welsh is commander of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps on Venoy road in Westland.

The local army center aids residents primarily from Wayne, Westland and Romulus.

Those who have not contributed to the Army holiday drive can still do so by making their checks to the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy road, Westland, 48186.

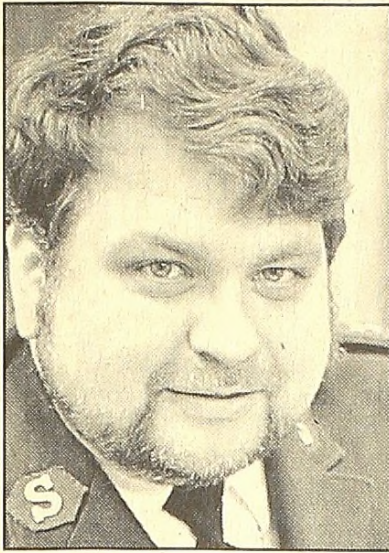
Part of the holiday donated funds are used to support many Army projects during the year, including emergency food, shelter and clothing efforts for needy families.

Welsh said the final amount of this year's holiday collection will be announced late in January 1998.

The Unity of Livonia Church will be offering "A Course in Miracles" each Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. during the months of January and February.

The course is contained in a set of books by the same name and is conducted by Trudy Castonguay, who states the course "combines spiritual wisdom and psychological insight into a practical answer to mankind's deepest innermost needs."

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Capt. Mark Welsh

Members and friends of St. John Neumann's Catholic Parish of Canton will be preparing valentines for those in the military service from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 30.

Church leaders advise that middle school and high school students are welcome to join the program. Valentines for service men and women need to be mailed out in mid-January, leaders said.

A roast beef dinner will once again be offered to the public at the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5 to 12. Those under 5 are served free.

The church is located at Bibbins and Olive streets, across from the Romulus Police Headquarters.

St. John Neumann's Catholic Parish will offer a lock-in program for middle school year students in the assembly hall from 9 p.m. Jan. 9 until 8 a.m. Jan. 10.

Prayer, games, movies and other events are being planned. Permission slips will be needed by participating youth.

Library of Westland puts interactive health info at residents' fingertips

Residents of Westland who want to create a personal quit-smoking plan or calculate their own risk of breast cancer now can tune in to Health-O-Vision, a new interactive computer located at the Public Library of Westland on Central City Parkway in Westland.

Loaded with up-to-date health information, eye catching graphics and user friendly software, the computer provides limited access to the World Wide Web, displaying in Health-O-Vision home page developed and updated by experts at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"We are excited to offer the community free access to such reliable and interactive health information," says Sandra Wilson, Library Director. "I encourage residents- even those who have never used a computer- to stop it and give it a try."

Public health specialists, computer programmers, graphic artists and Hollywood screen writers joined forces on the state-funded Michigan Interactive Health Kiosk Project the Health-O-Vision home page's entertaining and medi-

cally accurate "channels."

"Our goal was to reach people in a way they can relate to and enjoy, so the computers act more like interactive TV's than computers," says project leader Victor J. Strecher, Ph.D., M.P.H., professor of public health and director of the U-M Cancer Center's Prevention and Control Program.

Simply touching the screen reveals a wealth of information on topics ranging from getting screened for cancer and having your children immunized to quitting smoking and wearing a bicycle helmet. The computer also creates and prints personalized self-help guides for those interested in changing a particular health behavior.

For example, if a college student wants to figure out how much she spends on a year on cigarettes, she can activate a "Smoke-u-lator." With her age, address and average cigarette use, the computer calculates and prints out how much money she could save a year. A middle-aged man can find out his personal risks for developing prostate cancer. The computer determines his risk based on factors such as

age and race, and prints the pros and cons of current testing methods. Or, if a young mother wants to learn when she should immunize her child, the computer prints a chart of what to get and when to get them, along with a list of local resources.

"Studies have shown that, compared to standard mass-produced such as pamphlets and booklets, health messages tailored to individuals' needs and interests are much more likely to result in a positive health behavior change- and save money and lives," says Strecher.

The \$1 million, first-of-its-kind project by the state tobacco tax, which adds 75 cents to each pack of cigarettes and raises more than \$600 million a year. Governor John Engler approved the project as part of the state's Department of Community Health Budget. About 30 to 40 kiosks are being set up in libraries, work sites, health clinics, shopping malls and other public areas across the state, with a particular emphasis on reaching the millions of Michigan residents who do not yet have a computer.

Anti-casino drive to begin

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The anti-casino effort in Michigan that needs approximately 248,000 signatures from registered voters by next May, will be kicked off in January, the Rev. Brad Lewis revealed.

The statewide effort was announced last month by Lt. Col. William Speck of the Michigan Salvation Army in Southfield.

He revealed that "all we need is for 3,000 churches throughout Michigan to collect 100 signatures each."

The anti-casino effort will stress family related issues, claiming that using family funds for gambling activities usually leads to family discord, spousal abuse and some times family bankruptcy.

Both Speck and Lewis feel that the 1996 Proposal E effort can be overturned by voters if

they act aggressively on such family issues.

Realizing that their efforts will need wide dissemination the anti casino leaders have also included a fund raiser for their drive.

Lewis is seeking assistance in western Wayne County from various clergymen and laity leaders.

For further information contact Lewis at 941-0736.

High school lock-in set for New Year's Eve

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Area high school youth, between the ages of 13 and 18, are being invited to the overnight Lock-in program slated for New Year's Eve at Romulus High School on Wayne Road.

Pastor Brad Lewis -- one of the originators of the drug free Lock-in event -- revealed that those youth wishing to enter the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. music-sports-fun filled activity session must have proper identification that shows they are between the above listed ages.

More than 90 pizzas have been ordered for the overnight activity, Lewis added. Also available will be scores of sub-sandwiches, snacks and various containers of pop.

Tickets cost \$8 per person, but youth can save a dollar by donating a can of food for the needy.

Adult volunteers still are being sought as chaperones, Lewis said.

Recently added programs at the Lock-in include a 3 on 3 basketball tournament with the winning team getting a \$75 gift certificate, Lewis said.

Four full size arcade games and two full size pinball machines also will be included for the night's activity.

Also added are dodge ball and volleyball activities.

Several musical groups and a DJ video program by the House Party will be offered in various parts of the high school building during the night-morning hours, Lewis said.

One new musical unit -- Cracks in the Back Street -- also will be performing.

The program is being hosted by local pastors, student leadership members, community police officials and is being sponsored by many area businesses, who want to offer local youth a drug-free night of fun.

The Lock-in program is be-



Pastor Brad Lewis

For more information contact Lewis at 941-0736 or Moore at 467-7420.

ing coordinated by Lewis, pastor of the Community United Methodist Church and Chad Moore of the Ball Road Tabernacle Church.

The eight hour social event has been endorsed by the Romulus City Council and local churches, hoping it can be an effort that offers a varied fun program to kick off the new year.

Thousands of dollars worth of sound equipment has been offered for the night by the Audio Visual Impact firm of Farmington Hills.

Adult crews are being sought to help set up the equipment at 7 p.m. and to tear the projects down at 5:30 a.m.

Persons wishing to serve as chaperones should meet at 8 p.m. at the high school field house entrance for an orientation session.

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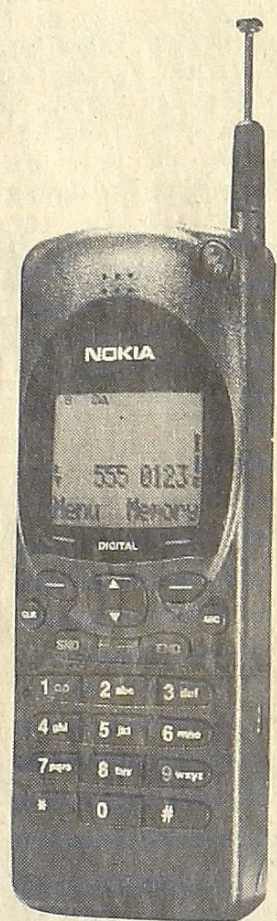


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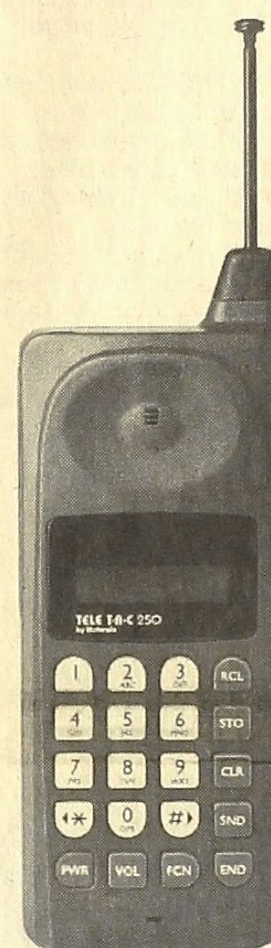
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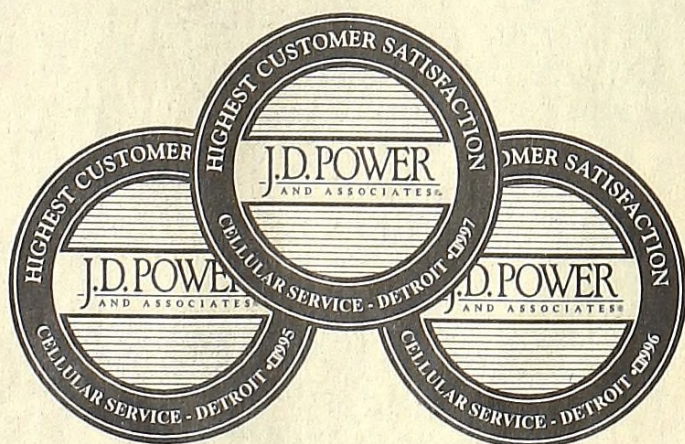
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Romulus rocks top-ranked Rouge

DelGiudice: My biggest win ever

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Over the years, veteran Romulus High basketball coach Guy DelGiudice has walked off many a basketball court in this state with his share of victories and losses.

There have been smiles, and frowns.

But, Friday night, after Romulus destroyed River Rouge, 67-64, ranked in some pre-season polls as No. 1 "in any class in the state", DelGiudice had an inner glow of satisfaction that only a coach who has been there can understand.

Yes, it was one of, if not THE biggest victory of DelGiudice's coaching career.

"Sure I'm happy. Who wouldn't be?" said DelGiudice afterwards. "These kids got the job done against an outstanding opponent."

And they did it in the Pan-

thers' gym.

The victory over Rouge reaffirmed Romulus' stature as a serious title contender and sent a message throughout the realigned Mega Conference Red Division—those who want a 1997-98 championship will have to beat the Eagles for it.

But DelGiudice also was quick to point out that "one big victory doesn't make a season."

A so-so Michigan can upset Duke, the top-ranked collegiate team in the nation at the time of the encounter, but it

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Bulldogs lose pair of toughies

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Previously undefeated Robichaud allowed a 11-point lead slip from its fingers in the closing minute of their first-ever Mega Conference basket-

ball game against Romulus and dropped their first decision of the campaign 68-66 to the visiting Eagles.

A drive-in layup by Myron Gray with three seconds left in the game was the difference in this encounter of the closest kind.

Up by a score of 52-41 as the fourth-quarter began thanks to the efforts of solid all-around performances by Jason Malloy, Damon Williams and James Hudgins, the Bulldogs had the Mega Conference Red Division power on the ropes.

Then, Brandon DeYampert came up with seven of his 10

points, and Randy Frison tossed in six of his eight points to spark a fourth quarter Romulus rally that stunned the Bulldogs.

Travis Hooks' pair of free throws gave the Eagles the lead, 66-64, with 22 seconds left in the game.

On their ensuing trip down-court, Malloy was fouled going to the hoop. He immediately canned both shots to tie the score at 66.

With eight seconds left, DelGiudice asked for a time out to discuss the final shot. When

See **BULLDOGS**, page B-2

Beginning of the end for champ?

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It may be the beginning of the end for Wayne Memorial's basketball dynasty in the Mega Conference Red Division.

Out of focus and tempo after being outscored 15-7 in the second period by a determined Ypsilanti, Wayne never regained the lead after going up by a trey, 10-7, early in the game.

The three-time defending Mega Conference champ trailed the divisional newcomer by 10 (32-22) at halftime.

Ypsi, which dropped out of the South Central Conference a year ago, is one of four newcomers to the tough Red Division. (The other three are River Rouge, Inkster and Willow Run).

"They killed us on the glass," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry. "We struggled in the first half, and fell behind. But to the kids' credit, they never quit."

A four minute lapse at the end of the initial half created a 10-point Ypsi bridge that Wayne never could cross.

The champs encountered flak all the way.

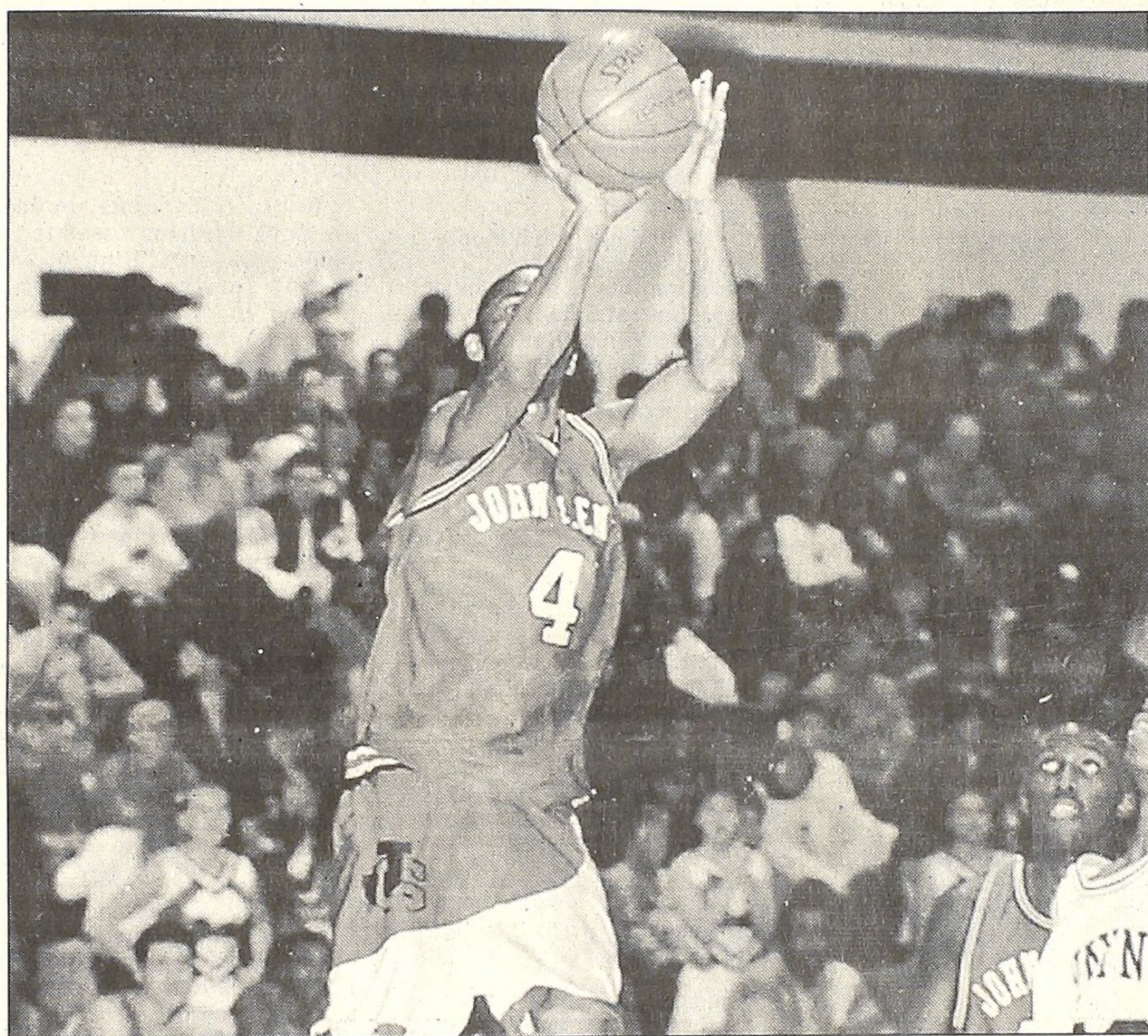
Wayne kept it close until the final four minutes of the first half, trailed by a basket before the Braves, sparked by guard Derrick Bird's long-range shooting and drives, put together a 10-2 run that put the defending Mega Conference champs off balance.

Bird collected 17 of his team high 21 points in the first half. Coming back and playing a more deliberate game - and putting Bird in a cage where he could do little damage-Wayne came back in the second half and kept the outcome of the game in doubt.

The champs outscored the newest member of the division by two (10-8) and cut the Braves lead to 40-32 for three.

Wayne came within five

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Glenn's Stevon Lawson (4) flies to the rim for this uncontested shot and basket. After two consecutive losses, Lawson & Company crushed Adrian before a home crowd to win their first of the season and close out the 1997 phase of the campaign with a victory. Michigan Community Newspaper sports photo by Aaron Ortiz

Rockets on fast track at home against Adrian

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Home can be sweet.

And, whoever said that you can never return home - Mr. Wolfe, we presume - just doesn't know coach Mike Schuette and the Westland John Glenn basketball team, and their fans.

Glenn returned home Tuesday night and enjoyed a warm homecoming party at the expense of Adrian.

On the road for the first two games of the season, where they found nothing but misery and frustration, Glenn enjoyed the familiar environs by beating Adrian 52-48 for their first win of the 1997-98 campaign.

Oh, yes, they also almost played the role of the perfect hosts...

Oh, yes, they also almost played the role of the perfect hosts, then decided to discard that notion in the closing minutes.

Up by 14 at one point in the fourth quarter, the Rockets fell into a spin and hit only two of 14 from the free throw line and that allowed Adrian to close the gap before the Rockets pulled out of their nosedive.

"It's good to get the first one," said Schuette, after two disappointing and frustrating losses. "That lapse in the fourth period is a cause of concern, but I feel we can eliminate our problems with more experience."

Adrian stayed close and within firing range the first two periods as Glenn led 12-9 and 26-21 before Eric Jones and Reggie Spearmon ignited the Rockets to a 20-11 third period.

Jones scored all of his six points in the third period and Spearmon counted four which lifted Glenn to a 14-point advantage (46-32) for three quarters.

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Salem puts it all together against Tigers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Unfortunately for Belleville, Plymouth-Salem decided to play four quarters against them last week.

"We put together four-quarters for the first time this year," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, after the Rocks turned back a highly-respected Belleville team 68-50 in a non-conference game. "We played sporadically in our first two games. This is the first one we put everything together. Let's hope it goes like this the rest of the year."

Don't count on it, coach.

But it was a pleasant homecoming for the Rocks and their coach, who played their first

"We played sporadically in our first two games. This is the first one we put everything together."

- Coach Bob Brodie

two on the road and lost both of them.

Belleville was not easy pickings.

The Tigers matched their

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Wayne, Inkster mat teams undefeated

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Still looking for bodies to fill its lineup, Inkster remained the team to beat on the Mega Conference, Blue Division mats as the undefeated Vikings overpowered Highland Park 54-24 for their second straight divisional victory in their new conference.

Although coach Sam Ellis's Vikings were forced to forfeit four weight classes (103, 189, 215, and 275), Inkster managed to turn back their former Suburban Athletic Conference opponents without difficulty.

The Vikings received victories from Robert Hudson (119), Marlin Franklin (152), Chauncey Darden (112), Quinton Hutton (125), Mike Franklin (130), Kejuan Seltzer (140), Keith Jackson (145), Ashanti Walton (160) and James Barney (151).

In the meantime, Belleville captured the prestigious Plymouth-Canton Wrestling In-

"I felt we could have finished second if our wrestlers had been healthy."

- Asst. Coach John Demsick

vitational over the weekend. The Vikings placed fifth, while the hosts finished eighth in a field of nine teams.

Canton's John Popock picked up the Chiefs' only medal after finishing third in the 130-pound class.

Assistant Canton coach John Demsick explained that at least five of the team's veteran wrestlers were not in the

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Who sez C.J. can't shoot?

Grandson shows legendary grandfather how he can go to the hoop

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

C.J. Grantham is the grandson of Inkster basketball coaching legend George Thompson Jr.

Grantham's father also happened to star on the hardwood at Belleville High in the late 1960s. He was so good that he was named to the All-Area teams of the times.

It is therefore no surprise that C.J. developed into an outstanding basketball

player? He has either watched on the sidelines or played the sport for the most of his first 16 years of his life.

And, when the clan gets together, during the holidays, C.J., a 5-7 guard at Belleville, can look over at his grandfather and smile. Probably chuckle, too.

Because Thompson and rookie Inkster coach Hilton Graham could not devise a strategy to stop the fast-moving, sharpshooting Tiger guard.

C.J. scored 25 points and teammate Kevin Edwards added 27 to lead Belleville to a 92-74 victory over Inkster in their first-ever Mega Conference Red Division game Thursday night at Inkster High.

Thompson, also an All-State guard back in the 1950s when he led Belleville's Tigers to back-to-back conference championship, watched helplessly from the Inkster bench as his grandson, rattled the nets for his 25 points.

Someone had told rookie Inkster coach Hilton Graham earlier that C.J. "can't shoot."

Ooooh was that someone wrong.

Grantham, who had only one three-pointer in his 25-point total, was hitting and driving to the hole with authority that surprised even his granddad.

Edwards' 27 points were a career best for the Tiger point-guard. He connected on five three-pointers.

"I didn't know what to ex-

pect after losing to Plymouth-Salem earlier in the week," said Belleville coach Rod Fisher. "But obviously the kids got down to business against a team that can be very explosive."

"Believe me, this division is loaded this year."

Belleville struck early and built up a 25-18 lead on the strength of its backcourt. With Inkster countering with a balanced-scoring attack provided by Tom Cunningham, Michael Williams, Joe Allison and Al-

fonso Clark, the Vikings managed to stay close. They trailed by six (42-36) at halftime.

Belleville maintained a 10-point cushion at the end of three (79-69) before going on to win the divisional opener 92-74.

Belleville is 1-2 overall as they prepare for tournament competition.

"Our defense collapsed in the second half," said Graham, who is looking for

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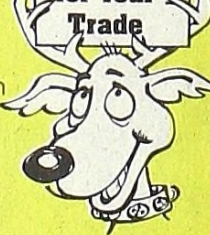
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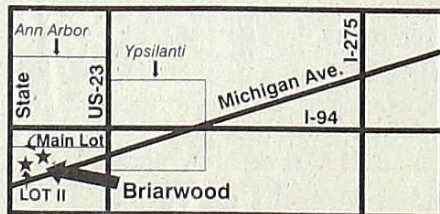
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Eagles

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also can fall flat on its face to a lowly Eastern Michigan University the next time out.

That's the price a team can pay if it rests on its laurels, according to the Romulus coach.

"One game does not make a season," DelGiudice warned. "This (Rouge) was only one game. No one is going to have an easy time in this conference this year."

"We got Highland Park next, and there's Wayne, and Belleville waiting to get a piece of us."

But, for one brief moment, until the next game, DelGiudice can smile.

Here's how the Eagles pulled the big upset.

They moved quickly and decisively against the high-powered Rouge. The Eagles, led by senior captain Brandon

DeYampert shot their way to a 11-point lead after the first eight minutes as DeYampert and Melvin Hicks provided the ammunition.

DeYampert tossed in eight of his 15 points in the opening period, including an at-the-buzzer three-pointer that rocked Rouge momentarily.

The Panthers came back strong in the next period to challenge their upstart visitors. With junior guard Brent Darby's help, the Panthers cut Romulus' lead by nine before the half and the Eagles were up only by two, 29-27, when they went into the locker room.

Rouge continued its attack in the third period and grabbed a three-point lead going into the final period (45-41). The point spread set the stage for a thrilling climax.

With Melvin Hicks tossing in a couple of threes to diffuse the Panthers' defense early in the final period, the Eagles regained the momentum that led

to a 26-19 quarter and their first-ever encounter in the Mega Red.

Hicks finished with a team high 17 points and accounted for seven rebounds. DeYampert added 15 points and also snatched six rebounds off the glass.

Darby, with 23 points, led all scorers.

The Panthers could have won this crucial encounter at the foul line, where their shaky performance resulted in a 17 of 31 effort for the evening. Romulus replied with a nine of 17 effort at the line.

The victory was Romulus' third straight.

The Eagles are not scheduled to play until after the New Year when they will return to the hardwood at home against another perennial hoop power, Highland Park. The Parkers will be in town at 7 p.m. on Jan. 6.

Bulldogs

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the game resumed, the ball went to Myron Gray, who drove to the hole and put the ball in the net for the winning basket.

Pleased with the outcome of the game, DelGiudice was not pleased with his team's overall performance.

"We didn't come mentally prepared to play," the Romulus coach said. "That is inexcusable."

Robichaud coach Monte Dennard also expressed disappointment over his team's first loss, but said that the loss was to an excellent Romulus team. In the beginning it was Ro-

bichaud that jumped out in front 17-8 as the cold-shooting and inpatient Eagles took atypical shots from the field.

Although Romulus found the range in the second period and closed to seven (36-29) of erasing the gap, Robichaud replied with a balanced assault that put them up by 11-points for three.

DeYampert, Gray and Hicks each scored 10 points, while teammates Reggie Kirkland and Hooks had 11 points apiece.

Malloy's 15 points topped the field. Williams tossed in 12 points and James Hudgins added 11 for the losers, who cashed in on 21 of 33 free throws to the Eagles' six of 10 performance.

Robichaud wasted an outstanding performance by Peter Brooks who scored a team high 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 64-50 setback by Willow Run in a Mega Conference crossover game Friday.

Dennard singled out the second half when his team became plagued with turnovers and cold shooting as the turning point.

"I really don't have an explanation for what happened to us in that second half," Dennard said. "We committed 22 turnovers for the game. You're not going to win many games if you do that."

Willow Run's Shannon Watson scored 12 points for the Flyers who are 2-0 on the season in the conference.

Legend

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his first win as the Vikings' coach after back-to-back losses. "But I view this loss as a 'positive loss' because I feel our kids learned a great deal from the game."

"I agree that this is a tough league, but we are going to surprise a few teams in this conference - believe me we are."

Belleville also looked good at the free throw line where the Tigers hit on 16 of 20 offerings as compared to Inkster's nine of 15 effort.

Both Belleville and Inkster have been invited to participate in Holiday Basketball Tournaments.

Inkster will travel to Highland Park on Dec. 26 where it will play in the Parkers' Classic. The two other teams are Detroit Denby and Rogers Academy.

In the first-round of com-

petition, Inkster takes on Highland Park in the nightcap of the two games at 7 p.m. Denby and Rogers Academy square off in the opener scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

The championship will be decided the following night at 7.

In the meantime, Belleville travels to Benton Harbor to take part in a four team tournament that also involves Detroit Cass Tech and Denby.

Rockets

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ters.

But Adrian came back and outscored their hosts 16-6 to make it look closer than it really was.

Glenn got 10 points from Ty Haygood, while Stevon Lawson and Yaku Moton each chipped in nine.

The Rockets may spend more time at the free throw line during the holiday break because of their inept effort against Adrian. Glenn's lack of concentration at the line led to

a four of 21 performance.

Glenn will return to action on Jan. 6 at Ypsilanti where the Rockets will face a team that stunned Wayne Memorial and handed the defending Mega Conference Red Division champs their first setback.

Glenn lost to Wayne a couple of weeks ago.

Champs

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points in the second half to catch up, but the champs never got the equalizer, despite outscoring their hosts 19-15 in the final frame.

Williams, held to five points in the first half, broke loose in the last two periods and tossed

in 19 of his game high 24 points to make the game interesting.

Ypsi dominated the boards, one of the key reasons for Wayne's demise. The champs also were horrendous from the field where they capitalized on only 14 of 40 opportunities.

Ypsilanti was also inept at the stripe where they canned 17 of 32.

Wayne won't have a chance to rest this week. On Saturday,

coach Henry's club will visit Birmingham where they play undefeated Brother Rice. Then, on Tuesday, the Zebras have been invited to play in the Superintendent's Classic, sponsored by the Detroit Board of Education.

Wayne clashes with Detroit Denby at 6 p.m. in the Cobo Arena, one of three featured games in the classic.

Mat

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lineup because of illness.

"I felt we could have finished second if our wrestlers had been healthy," Demsick added.

Inkster wrestlers had an excellent tournament with seven of its grapplers earning medals.

Hudson (120), Keith Jackson (145), Marlin Franklin (152) and Walton (160) picked up bronzes for their performances, while teammates Quinton Hutton (125), James Williams (135) and Michael

Franklin (130) received fifth-place medals.

In a dual meet, Romulus came out on the short-end of a 30-18 Mega Conference Red Division with Belleville, despite victories by Micah Wade (112), Aaron Brohl (130), Alex Hance (152), Charles Thompson (189) and Billy Chapman (119).

Romulus placed seventh in a field of 14 teams that competed Saturday in the Hartland Invitational.

Thompson managed to win a silver in the 189-pound class.

The Eagles also received a pair of fourth places from Wade (112) and Hance (152).

Coach Vern Logan's grapplers will begin the New Year

at the Eaton Rapids Invitational scheduled for Jan. 3.

Wayne Memorial stretched its winning streak to a modest two meets at the expense of Dearborn. The "Wolfpack" pinned Dearborn 49-22 for its second win in the White Division of the Mega Conference.

Wayne won nine of the 13 weight classes with Paul Goyt pinning Dearborn's Jason Kaler to claim the 103-pound class.

Teammates Jon Gregg (112), Nathan Wensko (119), Jason Sienko (135), Rob Theison (152), Kurt Spann (160), Mike Cunningham (171), Dave Bell (189) and Bill Laramie (275) were also winners.

Salem won't rest during the holidays.

For the first time in recent years Brodie has accepted an invitation to play in a holiday tournament. The Rocks will join Allen Park Cabrini and Riverview Gabriel Richard at the Grosse Ile Invitational.

The tournament on the island will be played beginning Dec. 27.

Salem will play Cabrini in the first of two games scheduled for Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. The Islanders take on Gabriel Richard in the nightcap at 7 p.m. The championship will be decided on Dec. 28.

Rocks

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hosts basket-for-basket in the first half. The two teams were tied at 13 at the end of the first quarter and Salem held only a very slim 23-21 lead at half-time.

But Tony Jancevski, Bhavin Patel and Matt Mair sparked a Salem second half rally that inflated the Rocks lead to a 15-point. Salem outscored their visitors 20-13 and 25-16 in the final two quarters.

Jancevski and Patel shared individual scoring honors. Each had 15, while teammate Matt Mair checked in with 10 points.

Belleville got 10 points from its junior guard, C. J. Grantham, who went on a scoring spree two nights later at Inkster. (See Related Story on this page)

But if Brodie was satisfied with the victory, he wasn't with the team's free throw shooting. The Rocks hit a pathetic 19 of 35 and at one span were one for 22 at the line.

Belleville sank three of seven of its free throws.

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ANUSAVAGE, JOHN ROBERT LEE
BUCK, SHIRLEY ANN BURY, ALTHEA M. PAYNE, PHYLLIS C. WILKERSON, DAVID D.

ANUSAVAGE, JOHN ROBERT LEE
Age 17, of Wayne, passed away Dec. 18, 1997. John was a Junior at John Glenn High School in Westland. Dearest son of Janet Anusavage of Canton and Robert Anusavage of Westland. Loving brother of Stacy and Kori. Grandson of Leo Anusavage and Eileen Anusavage. Also survived by step-mother Sharon Phillips and nephew Robert. Services were held Dec. 20 from the First Baptist Church of Wayne. Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

BUCK, SHIRLEY ANN
Age 50, of Plymouth, passed away December 13, 1997. Loving wife of William. Dearest daughter of Agnes and the late William Rewekant. Loving mother of Amy and Andrew. Also survived by sisters Jane (Floyd) Buchanan and Reggie (John) Slowik and brothers Larry (Diana) and Richard (Mary). Services were held Dec. 16 from St. John Neumann Catholic Church with arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

BURY, ALTHEA M.
Age 76, of Naubinway, MI, formerly of Wayne, passed away December 14, 1997. She was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Pontiac, daughter of the late Earnest and Alice Edna Granstrom, and was a graduate of high school in Grand Rapids. During WWII, she served in the U.S. Marine Corp. On Feb. 19, 1949, the former Althea Granstrom

married Paul Bury in Detroit. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1985. They have lived most of their lives in Wayne, and moved to Naubinway in July of 1981. She was employed by the US Postal Service as a mail carrier in the Wayne/Westland area. She was of Methodist Faith and a member of the Independent Order of the Foresters. Survivors include son David (Donna), daughter Lynne E. Thomas, grandson Christopher, sisters Gladys DuPont, Edna McMaster and Violet Johnson as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers. Memorial Service was held Dec. 19 at Messier-Broulliere Funeral Home, Manistique with burial at Maplewood Cemetery in Rexton, MI.

PAYNE, PHYLLIS C.
Age 42, of Westland, passed away December 10, 1997. Loving mother of David, Samuel, and Tiffany. Dearest daughter of Rachael and the late David. Also survived by sisters Claudia Collins, Diane Szmuto, Glenda Mason and Charlotte Haynes, and brothers Troit, Earl and Kenneth. Services were held Dec. 15 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

WILKERSON, DAVID D.
Age 38, of Romulus, passed away December 15, 1997. Dear husband of Laura Lynn. Loving father of Ryan, Sean, Joshua and Ashley. Also survived by his parents, Donald and Lorraine Wilkerson. Brother Mark, Sisters Nancy (Jerry) Woods and Deborah (Michael) Smith. Services were held Dec. 19 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, with interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

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West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Publish: Dec. 25, 1997

NOTICE BY PERSONS
CLAIMING TITLE
UNDER TAX DEED

TO: Dorothy Dawson, Single D. Inc. The Gaste Corporation and unknown, unascertained, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees, and assignees, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf, said individuals being persons indicated to have some interest in the land herewith described according to Wayne County Records. Deed #1664B Cert. #01661

To the owner or owners of any and all interest in, or liens upon the land described:

Take notice: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deeds issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5.00 for each description, without additional cost or institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description: State of Michigan, County of Wayne, Parcel ID 30022010021001
DEARBORN ECORSE TOWNLINE SUB T3S R10E L46 P70 WCR S 93 FT OF LOTS 21 AND 22.

This is an improved residential property. Property Address: 18713 Van Born Rd., Allen Park

Amount Paid: \$1,410.49
taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$2,210.74 Plus fees of the Sheriff.

FUNB Custodian for PCSI, Inc.

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West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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NOTICE BY PERSONS
CLAIMING TITLE
UNDER TAX DEED

TO: Michael C. and Jody L. Stockdale and unknown, unascertained, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees, and assignees, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf, said individuals being persons indicated to have some interest in the land herewith described according to Wayne County Records. Deed #1857C Cert. #07669

To the owner or owners of any and all interest in, or liens upon the land described:

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Description: State of Michigan, County of Wayne, Parcel ID 80079990015002
PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 20 T3S R9E BEG N 89D 36M W 274 FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SEC 20 TH N 89D 36M W 123.56 FT TH S 0D 11M 43S W 655.52 FT TH S 89D 36M E 128.23 FT TH N 0D 39M 15S W 655.09 FT OB 1.89 AC

This is an improved residential property. Property Address: Grant Rd, Romulus

Amount Paid: \$1,024.25,
taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$1,541.38 Plus fees of the Sheriff.

FUNB Custodian for Primeco, Inc.
1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Ste. 1100A
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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NOTICE BY PERSONS
CLAIMING TITLE
UNDER TAX DEED

TO: Oscar Rhoton, Jr. and unknown, unascertained, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees, and assignees, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf, said individuals being persons indicated to have some interest in the land herewith described according to Wayne County Records. Deed #1839 Cert. #07489

To the owner or owners of any and all interest in, or liens upon the land described:

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Description: State of Michigan, County of Wayne, Parcel ID 80051010092300
OSBERGS AIRPORT ESTATES SUB T3S R9E L64 P35 WCR LOT 92 AND E 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY

This is an improved residential property. Property Address: 10170 Hyde Park, Romulus

Amount Paid: \$1,610.96,
taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$2,421.44 Plus fees of the Sheriff.

FUNB Custodian for PCSI, Inc.
1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Ste. 1100A
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Publish: Dec. 25, 1997

NOTICE BY PERSONS
CLAIMING TITLE
UNDER TAX DEED

TO: Emma Cook, Orlo and Esther Zimmerman and unknown, unascertained, unborn heirs, devisees, legatees, and assignees, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their

own behalf, said individuals being persons indicated to have some interest in the land herewith described according to Wayne County Records. Deed #1839 Cert. #07489

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each description, without additional cost or institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description: State of Michigan, County of Wayne, Parcel ID 47006990007000 THAT PART OF SCHAEFER & DIX SUB AS RECORDED IN L55 OF PLAT P48 AND OF OAKWOOD DIX SUB AS RECORDED IN I53 OF

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NLY LINE OF THE MC RR RT OF WAY 394.74 FT TH N 28D 55M 59S E ALG THE WLY LINE OF VAC PALMER AVE

This is an improved residential property. **Property Address:** 2947 Greenfield Rd., Melvindale.

Amount Paid: \$7,329.59, taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$10,999.39 Plus fees of the Sheriff.

FUNB Custodian for Prime Capital, Inc.
1700 Palm Beach Lakes

Blvd. Ste. 1100A
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Publish: Dec. 25, 1997

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Tuesday, December 30, 1997 at 11:00 am at J & M Towing, 8964 Inkster Road, Romulus, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public auction of the following vehicles will be held:

1988 Chevy Corsica 4 dr.

1G1LT51W1JY569889

1985 Chevy Celebrity 4 dr.

1G1AW19X6F6198249

1989 Toyota Tercel 2 dr.

JT2EL31D6K0419255

1989 Ford Bronco SW

1FMCU1473KUA98976

1983 Oldsmobile Royale 4 dr.

1G3AY69Y6DM880290

1987 Chrysler LeBaron 2 dr.

1C3CJ51E7HG134867

1972 Ford LTD 2 dr.

2N62S119994

1986 Ford Escort 4 dr.

1FABP3698GW149913

1975 Ford Maverick 4 dr.

5K92L178300

1985 Plymouth Reliant 2 dr.

1P3BP21C9FG269414

1987 Honda Civic 4 dr.

JHMEC4535HS001165

1986 Ford Thunderbird 2 dr.

1FABP4633GH176751

1978 Ford Econoline Van

E14HHB8904

1986 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1FABP3196GW144491

1979 Volkswagen Bus

2292133120

1986 Chrysler Fifth Ave. 4 dr.

1C3BF66P0GX557818

1985 Buick Electra 4 dr.

1G4CW6938F1412533

1984 Plymouth Reliant 2 dr.

1P3BP21C1EG252198

1984 Buick Regal 2 dr.

1G4AM47A1EH523062

1988 Mercury Cougar 2 dr.

1MEBM6040JH620190

1988 Nissan Sentra 2 dr.

1N4PB22S0JC820572

1969 Oldsmobile 2 dr.

354379M119539

1987 Chrysler LeBaron 4 dr.

1C3BH58E2HN336301

1985 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1FABP3193FW279877

1984 Dodge 600 4 dr.

1B3BE46D3EC232384

1985 Mercury Cougar 2 dr.

1MEBP236FH627648

1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass 4 dr.

1G3AM19R5GD400767

1990 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1FAPP93JL184575

1985 Chevy Cavalier 4 dr.

1G1JC69P8FK109875

1989 Ford Taurus 4 dr.

1FABP50U2KG289824

1986 Pontiac 6000 4 dr.

1G2AF19X3GT258258

1993 Mazda Protege 4 dr.

JM1BG2243P0639368

Publish: December 21, 1997

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Tuesday, December 30, 1997 at 9:00 am, at Crova's Towing, 36573 Grant, Romulus, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held.

1989 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1FAPP93JXK340605

1987 Strick Trailer

1S12E948XHE286611

1989 Chevy Beretta 2 dr.

1G1LV14WXY144252

1983 Ford Thunderbird 2 dr.

1FABP46F3DH164931

1985 Toyota Tercel 2 dr.

JT2AL32G7F0331764

1993 Ford Escort 2 dr.

1FAPP1289PW180661

1983 Toyota Cressida 4 dr.

JT2MX63E2D0029036

1986 Ford Thunderbird 2 dr.

1FABP4631GH176764

1980 Buick 4 dr.

4P69AAH430008

1987 Dodge 600 4 dr.

1B3BE36D8HC206054

1981 Ford Granada 4 dr.

1FABP27B0BG181432

1997 Chevy Cavalier 2 dr.

1G1JC1240V7227889

1987 Chevy Sprint 2 dr.

JG1MR2127HK776539

1979 Chevy 4 dr.

1W19J9K429725

1985 Ford LTD 4 dr.

1FABP43F5FZ105431

1996 Ford Windstar V

2FMDA5145TBA16609

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32. Help Wanted

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Attn: Human Resources/BL1
Fax: (313) 484-7178
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DIRECT CARE STAFF

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Wayne County Community College
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 Human Resources
Wayne County Community College
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Detroit, MI 48226

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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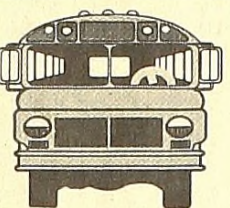
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The 1998 model lineup includes the SE Coupe, SE Sedan, SE Convertible and the GT Coupe. All models feature the same bold, sporty styling that helped Sunfire earn a 1997 J.D. Power Appeal award. And each is equipped with features and options normally found only on bigger, more expensive cars.

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The interior of the 1998 gives occupants the sensation of being in a larger car. Plenty of leg and head room in here. Both in the front and rear of the cabin. Sunfire's standard full fold-down rear seat gives the owner choices on how to use the car's interior space. This feature allows owners to carry longer loads such as skis and surf boards with the decklid shut.

This vehicle also offers the convenience of compact disc and cassette storage in the console and door map pockets. Sunfire's cavernous 12.7 liter glove box store an average-sized ladies purse or even a 12 pack of pop and an ice pack. Now that's room! I also need to mention just how comfortable the seating is.

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